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MILK PRODUCTION

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Milk Cows and Milk Production October - December Quarter 2010 and 2011					
	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Production ²		Percent Change
STATE	2010 <i>Thousand Head</i>	2011	2010 <i>Million Pounds</i>	2011	2011/2010 <i>Percent</i>
Delaware	5.0	5.0	21.0	22.0	4.8
Maryland	53	52	244	236	-3.3
United States	9,130	9,216	47,548	48,650	2.3

1 Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2 Excludes milk sucked by calves..

U.S. CATTLE

Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop: January1, 2011 and 2012			
CLASS	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
<i>Thousand Head</i>			
Cattle and Calves	92,682	90,769	98
Cows and Heifers That have Calved	39,999	39,112	98
Beef Cows	30,850	29,883	97
Milk Cows	9,150	9,230	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,576	19,388	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,139	5,212	101
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,568	4,527	99
Other Heifers	9,869	9,649	98
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,397	16,072	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,155	2,052	95
Calves Under 500 Pounds	14,555	14,145	97
Calf Crop	35,313	N/A	99
Cattle on Feed	14,013	14,121	101

U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Commodity	Unit	United States			Parity
		Jan 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	
Dollars					
Wheat, All	BU	6.69	7.19	6.86	17.50
Corn	BU	4.94	5.86	5.90	11.40
Barley	BU	3.86	5.44	5.44	12.00
Soybeans	BU	11.60	11.50	11.70	27.60
All Hay, Baled ¹	TON	112.00	177.00	172.00	----
Apples, Fresh	LB	0.300	0.367	0.354	0.911
All Beef Cattle	CWT	107.00	120.00	124.00	279.00
Calves	CWT	136.00	157.00	166.00	384.00
Hogs	CWT	55.80	63.50	62.40	153.00
Broilers, Live	LB	0.450	0.470	0.490	----
Turkeys, Live	LB	0.564	0.714	0.660	1.570
Eggs, All	DOZ	0.850	1.220	0.850	2.51

1/ Agricultural Prices are published at the end of each month throughout the year for the United States and selected states. Maryland is not in the monthly prices program; however, price information is available for Maryland commodities at the end of each production year. Throughout the year on Friday, the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Agriculture publishes the Maryland Grain and Livestock report. This report contains current commodity price quotes from local and regional markets throughout Maryland and can be viewed at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Maryland/Publications

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

The total land in farm for Maryland is estimated at 2.050 million acres and the number of farms is estimated at 12,800, for an average farm size of 160 acres. The number of farms in Delaware is estimated at 2,500 farms with total land in farms at 490,000 acres, for an average farm size of 196 acres.

The number of farms in the United States in 2011 is estimated at 2.2 million, down slightly from 2010. Total land in farms, at 917 million acres, decreased 1.85 million acres from 2010. The average farm size is 420 acres, up 1 acre from the previous year.

SHEEP & GOATS

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 5.35 million head, down 2 percent from 2011. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2012, down 3 percent from 4.08 million head on January 1, 2011. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.16 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2012, totaled 1.37 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2011. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-two percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 22 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2011 lamb crop of 3.51 million head, was down 2 percent from 2010. The 2011 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2011, an increase of 2 percent from 2010.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2011 was 29.3 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2010. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.03 million head, also down 4 percent from 2010. The average price paid for wool sold in 2011 was a record high \$1.67 per pound for a total value of 48.9 million dollars, up 40 percent from 35.0 million dollars in 2010.

Sheep death loss during 2011 totaled 240 thousand head, an increase of 4 percent from 2010. Lamb death loss increased 3 percent from 370 thousand head in 2010 to 380 thousand head in 2011.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 2.86 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.38 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. Does one year old and older, at 1.78 million head, were 3 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 487 thousand head, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2011 totaled 1.88 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2010.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.36 million head on January 1, 2012, down 4 percent from 2011. Milk goat inventory was 360 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2011, while Angora goats were down 15 percent, totaling 146 thousand head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2011 was 865 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 149 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.8 pounds. Mohair price was \$4.12 per pound with a value of 3.56 million dollars.

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